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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patient Owner: Charles H. BurdetteApplication No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/603,915 Filed/Issue Date: June 25, 2003Entitled: SURGICAL DRILL CHUCK

STRYKER CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation  
 (Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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2.  an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the Inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or a true copy of the original assignment is attached.

OR

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1. From: Charles H. Burdette To: Burmon, Inc.  
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

March 28, 2006

Date

THOMAS R. WINKELE

269-385-2600

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Title

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## ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS**, I, Charles H. Burdette, of 1277 Edwards Road, Woodruff, SC 29388, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **Surgical Drill Chuck** for which a United States Utility Patent Application was filed; hereby authorize and request my attorney, Seann P. Lahey, of McNair Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 10827, Greenville, South Carolina 29603-0827, to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/603,915, filed 06/25/03) the filing date and application number of said application when known; said patent application and the invention described therein being hereafter referred to as the "Patent Rights";

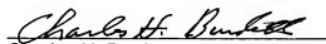
**WHEREAS**, Burmon, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, having a place of business at 1300 Edwards Road, Woodruff, SC 29388 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Patent Rights;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration given to me in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, the aforesaid have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Burmon, Inc. its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said inventions in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, and the entire right, title and interest to the Patent Rights, and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained therefore on said invention or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue, or reexamination thereof for the full term for which the same may be granted.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office to assign the above identified Patent Application to Burmon, Inc. as the assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

Further, I will communicate to Burmon, Inc. any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said Burmon, Inc. its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said inventions and Patent Rights in the United States, and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
19 day of August, 2003.

  
Charles H. Burdette

**Exhibit I**

**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

Burmon Inc., a South Carolina corporation having a place of business at 1227 Edwards Road, Woodruff, South Carolina 29388, (the "Assignor") in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to it by the Stryker Instruments Division of Stryker Corporation, a Michigan corporation (the "Assignee") having a place of business at 4100 E. Milham Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest of the Assignor for the United States of America and all foreign countries, including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, in the inventions and improvements disclosed in the Letters Patent of the United States and any patent application listed in Annex A attached hereto and any reissues, extensions or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. Assignor agrees, for itself and its successors and assigns, with said Assignee and its successors and assigns, but at Assignee's expense and charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deeds or other instruments, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said Assignee, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said Assignee and to vest, assign to and confirm in said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest of Assignor in and to all such patents and to otherwise give full effect to and perfect the rights of said Assignee under this Assignment.

WITNESS its hand and seal this 30th day of April, 2004.

BURMON INC.

By:

*Charles E. Burdette*  
Name: Charles E. Burdette  
Title: P.L.S.

State of South Carolina  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Then personally appeared the above-named \_\_\_\_\_, to me known and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Burmon Inc., and acknowledged it to be his free act and deed, before me, this 30th day of April, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex A**

**PATENTS**

- U. S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/603,911, filed June 25, 2003, Applicant -- Charles H. Burdette, assignment to Burmon, Inc. recorded on August 26, 2003, entitled "Surgical chuck key."
- U. S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/603,915, filed June 25, 2003, Applicant -- Charles H. Burdette, assignment to Burmon, Inc. recorded on August 26, 2003, entitled "Surgical drill chuck."
- U. S. Provisional Patent Application, Serial No. 60/461,093, filed April 8, 2003, entitled "Chuck key adapted for surgical purposes."
- U. S. Provisional Patent Application, Serial No. 60/461,123, filed April 28, 2003, entitled "Drill chuck adapted for surgical purposes."